

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS  
U.S. Appl. No. 09/493,211

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction and election of species requirement. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, event though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. Note MPEP §803. It is respectfully submitted that a proper search of one of the peptides would overlap with the other member of the group. Therefore, it is not an undue burden on the Examiner to search the Groups I (including the subgroups) and II together and restriction is unwarranted and improper.

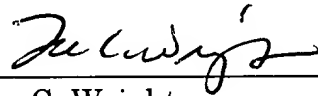
As to claims 31-39, the Examiner is requested to "rejoin" said claims. In general, if an applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims (including method of making the product and methods of using the product) which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined. See MPEP §821.04.

Timely and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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